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The Business and Professional Women's Club of Weatherford announce a public opening of the Library which they have established.


The library movement was begun about six months ago. A public reception was held, at which each guest was asked to bring a book; this resulted in the collection of a good many volumes; and the number has been since increased.

The library will be kept in the Chamber of Commerce.

There are also libraries in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at San Marcos and at Chillicothe.

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The Carnegie Library of Abilene reports a circulation of 14,557 volumes for 1921, or 1.41 volumes per capita, the population according to the 1920 census being 10,274. For the same period, Corsicana, with a population of 11,356, reports a circulation of 51,123, or 4.43; Tyler, with a population of 12,085 reports a circulation of 38,957, or 3.22 per capita.

The highest monthly circulation in Abilene was 1,748, in June; the lowest, 1039, in December. The highest daily circulation was 99, in October.

The total expense of the Abilene Library was \$ 2,479.46, of which the City contributed \$ 1,966.62; of the Corsicana Library \$ 5,765.68, of which \$ 5,668.18 was derived from city taxes and interest thereon. Abilene, it is pointed out, has therefore spent .20 cents per capita, Corsicana .50 cents per capita for this form of public education.

El Paso Public Library is planning a chain of public library branches in the public shcool.

The Dallas Public Library featured books on thrift in its published book lists for the week of January 22.

The Potter County Library and Rest Room will be erected at a cost of about \$ 20,000 on the southwest corner of the courthouse square.

The Chamber of Commerce of Chillicothe has installed at the City Hall the library which it hopes to make the nucleus of a county library for Hardeman County. Mrs. May S. Roberts, Assistant Secretary, is in charge.

Like the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, the Chillicothe Library began with a traveling library unit lent by the State Library, and added to this nucleus a number of books given by the citizens.

San Marcos women have recently made a house-to-house canvas for books to add to their library. As a result, it is stated, the library now contains about 500 volumes, and new books are being given almost daily.

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The Waco Public Library reports a circulation for 1921 of 137,396, an increase of 21,508 volumes over the 1921 record, it was stated today at the Texas State Library. The average daily circulation was about 447 volumes for the 307 days the library was open for lending. The average per capita for Waco's 38,500 population is about 3.57.

Miss Elizabeth H. West, State Librarian, is watching with interest the comparative statistics in reference to the reading in towns having public libraries.

Miss West states that of all the smaller and middle-sized cities whose reports of library circulation for 1921 have so far reached her, Corsicana is now in the lead, having issued 4.43 books per capita.

The Dallas Public Library recently broke its record with a Saturday circulation of 1736, the highest in the whole of its years of the Library's history.

Miss Blanche Hawk, of the St. Louis Public Library Staff, has succeeded Miss Mae Foley as librarian of the Southwest Texas State Normal College at San Marcos.

In comparing the lists of books featured by the public libraries of the State, Miss Elizabeth H. West, State Librarian, notes that the larger libraries, which have been in existence for twenty years or more, are featuring non-fiction; on the other hand, smaller libraries, which are struggling to gain a foothold, are featuring the newest popular novels. In Miss West's opinion, this is a natural development.

Time and again libraries have been able to lead the public on from light fiction to the more serious-minded books, though the best-seller, like the poor, is always with us.

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